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## PUBLIC HOUSING FACT SHEET

### PUBLIC HOUSING PORTFOLIO (50,000 units)

- Ch. 667 elderly housing: 32,078 units (in 3,120 buildings in 582 developments)
- Ch. 200 family housing: 12,736 units (in 2,774 buildings in 121 developments)
- Ch. 705 family housing: 3,000 units (in 1,178 buildings in 636 developments)
- Ch. 689 special needs housing: 1337 units (primarily housing for mentally retarded)
- Ch. 167 special needs housing: 542 units (primarily housing for mentally ill)

### LOCAL HOUSING AUTHORITIES (LHAs)

- 235 cities/towns have LHAs currently managing public housing units
- 8 towns have established LHAs, but have not built public housing
- 4 regional LHAs manage public housing in eleven communities
- 2 Community Development Corporations (CDCs) operate public housing units in Boston

### CHAPTER 200 FAMILY PUBLIC HOUSING

- The state's oldest public housing (all units 43-52 years old) with most urgent capital needs
- 65% of DHCD's public housing modernization funds awarded in February 1999 (\$59.9 million of \$91.7 million) were for Ch. 200 developments, which comprise about 25% of state public housing units.
- 12,736 units statewide, but none located in dense, high-rise, "Chicago-style" developments
  - 8615 units (68%) in townhouse, duplex or single family developments
  - 3978 units (31%) in three-story buildings
  - 143 units (1%) in larger buildings
- The 121 Ch. 200 developments are scattered throughout 77 communities
- Nearly half the portfolio (6300 units) is located in ten communities: Boston, Worcester, Springfield, Somerville, Lawrence, Fall River, Quincy, Everett, Cambridge and New Bedford

### CHAPTER 667 ELDERLY HOUSING

- 32,078 units in 582 developments in 228 communities, constructed since 1956
- About 8500 kitchens and baths 32-44 years old
- Portfolio includes 1250 studio apartments (250-350 sq.ft.) in 38 older developments; many older "one-bedroom" apartments are comparably sized (less than 400 square feet).
- Includes 863 units of congregate housing, with private bedrooms but share common areas.

### CHAPTER 689 AND 167 SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING (1879 units)

- 1,058 units for Dept. of Mental Retardation clients in 131 developments in 96 communities.
- 542 units for Dept. of Mental Health clients in 70 developments in 64 communities.
- 279 units for clients of DSS, DPH & Mass Rehab Commission in 21 sites in 20 communities.
- Typical development houses eight clients in a 1-2 unit house in a residential neighborhood.

## **FACTSHEET: CHAPTER 200 FAMILY PUBLIC HOUSING**

- ◆ 12,736 total units, built between 1948 and 1956
  - 8615 units in townhouses, duplexes or single family homes
  - 3978 units in three-story buildings
  - 143 units in buildings four stories or taller (two developments)
- ◆ 121 total developments in 77 communities
  - 19 developments with 200 or more units house 43% of all Ch. 200 units (5447 units)
  - 46 developments with 100 or more units house 72% of all Ch. 200 units (9170 units)
  - 75 developments have less than 100 units each (3566 units)
- ◆ Of the 19 developments with 200 or more units, only 11 developments have 5 or more units per building
- ◆ Of the 46 developments with 100 or more units, only 25 developments have 5 or more units per building
- ◆ Almost half of the total portfolio (6,300 units) is in 10 communities: Boston, Worcester, Springfield, Somerville, Lawrence, Fall River, Quincy, Everett, Cambridge and New Bedford